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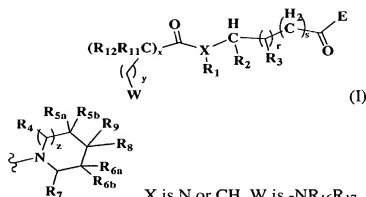
ABSTRACT

**COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS MODULATORS OF MELANOCORTIN
RECEPTORS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING
SAME**

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Compounds having the formula (I), and pharmaceutically-acceptable salts, hydrates and prodrugs thereof,

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in which E is $-NR_{16}R_{17}$, $-NR_{16}C(=O)R_{22}$, $-NR_{16}CO_2R_{22}$, $-OR_{23}$, or a heteroaryl or heterocyclo group as defined in the specification, and R_1 through R_{12} , R_{16} , R_{17} , R_{22} , R_{23} , x, y, and z are as defined in the specification, are useful as modulators of melanocortin receptors, particularly MC-1R and MC-4R.